

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Turner R10759

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State of Missouri }

County of Pike }

On this 13th day of June 1849 personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid Rachel Turner a resident of the said County and State aged about eighty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of Henry Turner who entered the service in the month of July 1779 as a private but furnished a substitute before the term of his first service expired – he again entered the service in the year 1780 as a Lieutenant and served a part of a tour of three months but obtained a discharge in consequence of sickness – he again entered the service in the year 1781 (as she thinks) as a Captain of a company raised in Amherst County Virginia for the purpose of guarding Linch’s [sic: Lynch’s] Ferry situated on James River at the point where the town of Lynchburg now stands – he was in no engagement – he lived in Amherst County Virginia at the time he entered the service – The first time he entered the service he was draughted but for the remainder of the time he acted as a Volunteer. It is not known whether he ever left the state of Virginia during the whole time of his being in the service. The only documentary evidence in support of the claim is a certificate from the Auditor of the State of Virginia stating that “a certificate was issued in the name of Henry Turner on the 24th day of January 1784 and was given for services prior to the first of January 1782”

She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Turner on the last day of March 1777; that her husband the aforesaid Henry Turner died on the 23rd day of October 1829 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed
Rachel herXmark
Turner

State of Missouri }

Pike County } SS

Stephen B Turner of Pike County in the State of Missouri makes Oath and says that he is the son Henry & Rachael Turner (decd) and Executor of the Estate of the said Rachael Turner (decd) late of Pike County in the State of Missouri. That the said Henry Turner was in his lifetime a Revolutionary Soldier in the Virginia line in the army of the Revolution, and that he always understood that his father the said Henry Turner was an officer in said army and he thinks he (said Henry Turner) was a Captain. That he has often heard his mother the said Rachael Turner state that when men were drafted they would come to his Father to get off and he (Henry Turner) would tell them that he could not let them off. Sayes he also heard his mother tell of his fathers being sick whilst in the service & getting a furlow and coming home. That his parents were married in Bedford County now Campbell County in the State of Virginia about the year (1777) seventeen hundred and seventy seven in the customary way of marrying at that time which was to publish them in church &c and a record kept on church Books. States that his father died in Amherst County in the State of Virginia 9 miles from Lynchburgh on the 23rd day of October (1829) leaving the said Rachel Turner his widow. That the said Rachel Turner Applied for Revolutionary pension as the widow of the said Henry Turner (decd). But died on the 4th day of January (1850) eighteen hundred and fifty without ever having been allowed a pension leaving this Affiant Terrisha Turner, Henry Turner, James S Turner, Nancy B. Carver, Rutha Stone Mary D. Omohundro Lawson Turner, & George S Turner her children by the said Henry Turner (decd) and her only surviving children. That

Terrasha Turner has since (died) leaving four children & that he is the executor of ther mother. He makes this declaration on behalf of himself and the other surviving children for the purpose of obtaining the pension due his said mother at the time of her decease under the acts of Congress 4th July 1836 – 7 July 1838 or any other act or resolution of congress to the benefit of which she is entitled. He further declares that the said Rachel Turner did not again intermarry after the death of the said Henry Turner but died his widow. That his mother has hitherto made Application and to the Testimony on file & to the records he refers for evidence in suport of his application [signed
7 June 1852] Stephen B Turner

NOTE: In the file is an original family register written in blank spaces in a worn New Testament and transcribed below.

[Asterisks in brackets indicate damage to the page, and parts in brackets are uncertain.]

[On the title page:]

Henry Turner

George Turner

Miss kitty turner was born September the 21 1741

Miss kitty turner was bent[?] [*]ur 1798 and 19 of September 1797

[Facing Matt. 1:]

Sally Turner the Daughter of Henry Turner & Rachel his wife was born Feby ye 19th 178[*]

George Turner was born August ye. 14th 1796 [written above] 1783 779

Terisha Turner Born Decem 10th 178[*]

Martha Turner Born Oct'r 2[7]th 178[*]

Betsey Turner Born May 21st 1784

Henry Turner Born April 7th 1786

Sam'l. Turner Born May 20th 1789

Ruth Turner Born Oct'r 10th 1790

William Turner Born Oct'r. 23^d 792

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Henry Turner his [one or two illegible words]

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Mag Henry Turner